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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2019

Ray Leach
Phil Miller
Langdon Reid
Chuck Richie
Buck Robinson

CLASS OF 2020

Pat Balsley
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Don Reid
Butch Smiley
David Walton

Class of 2021

Charles Clemmer
Jean Ann Clemmer
Brandon Hatcher
Mark Miller
Alexis Reid

THE TRUSTEES

Harold Reid Harry Hogshead Sonny Masincup

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Steve Richie-Superintendent David Balsley-Assistant Superintendent

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Co-ordinating Team

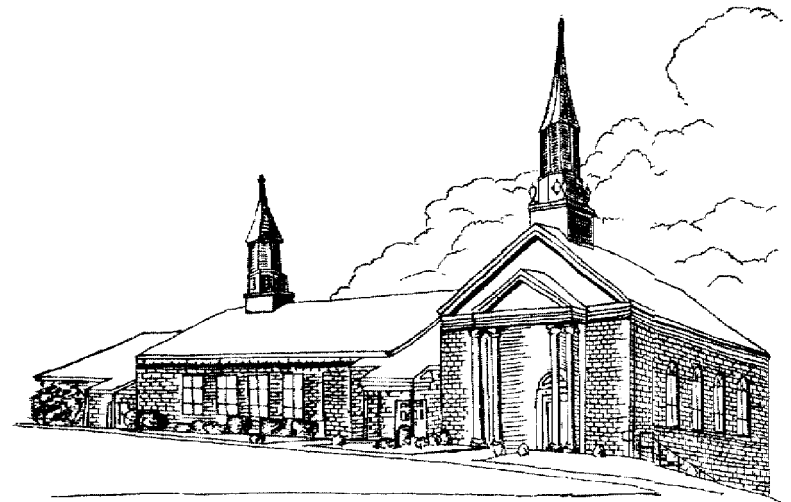
Jean Ann Clemmer-Moderator Vice Moderator-Sherry Herr
Carolyn Via-Secretary Joy Hogshead-Historian
Kodi Frye-Treasurer

Members-at-Large

Christmas Program-Amy Thomas
Easter Program
Community Involvement Committee:
Amy Thomas, Christel Nicklas, Janna Milstead, Sherry Herr, Kahlan Smith
Search Committee-Kim Weller

Circle Representatives

Pat Hunter.....Circle 3
Mary Helen Thorne.....Circle 4
.....Circle 6



"The little church with a big heart"

Olivet Presbyterian Church

**1019 Richmond Avenue
Staunton, Virginia 24401**

The Rev. Lee Thomas, Pastor

DECEMBER 1, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

From Isaiah 43

Leader: This is what the Lord says, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

People: See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert, and streams in the wasteland.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE:

(Red) No. 151

"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: Vickey Wood

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Teresa Whitesell

QUIET MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION:

(Red) No. 147

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:8-14

SERMON: "When Is it OK to Get Ready for Christmas" Lee Thomas

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE:

(Red) No. 166

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

+ BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *"Alleluia"*

POSTLUDE

+ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

10:00A.M.

Morning Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Church attendance last week: 101

Church offering last week: \$1,910.00

Sunday School attendance last week: 45

Sunday School offering last week: \$25.00

Confirmation class

WEDNESDAY:

6:00 P.M.

Circle 4 will meet with Kim Weller

6:30 P.M.

Choir rehearsal (Olivet)

Our greeter today is Don Reid.

Our prayer family this week is Christel and Joe Nicklas and Clay.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in celebration of the Christmas season by Sandra and Bill Sibert.

For SACRA during the month of December we are having a canned-food drive, such as canned vegetables, beans, fruits, peanut butters, jellies and meats. SACRA is in great need of these items. Please leave donations in the social hall by the last Sunday of the month.

On Tuesday, December 17, 2019 the congregation is invited to meet at Olivet at 6:00 p.m. to go caroling. A meal out is planned for afterwards.

There will be a 15-minute rehearsal for the Christmas play immediately following worship in the social hall after which the children will be dismissed to Sunday School or with their parents. The children's Christmas Program will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2019 followed by a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Men of Olivet. A free-will offering will be received for the meal and proceeds will go to the children's weekend backpack ministry. Anyone wishing to help with the meal is asked to see David Balsley. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you plan to attend the dinner.

The deadline for ordering a poinsettia is today. They are \$6.50 each. Please give Alexis Reid your order, dedication and payment.

The combined choirs of Olivet and Staunton Church of the Brethren will present a musical program at Olivet during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 8, 2019 and at the Brethren Church on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. A repeat performance will be at the Brethren Church on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. where a free-will offering will be received to benefit our local Food Bank.

This morning following the worship service, volunteers are welcome to decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

Details are in the Newsletter for bringing Christmas cheer to the abused women and children seeking shelter at New Directions. Ornaments on the Christmas Tree in the vestibule detail things needed. Your contributions are appreciated.